
Dear Parents of school-aged children under the age of 13,

In order for West Buffalo Charter School to continue to be able to provide your student with the most effective web-based tools and applications for learning, they need to abide by federal regulations that require a parental signature as outlined below.

Our school utilizes several computer software applications and web-based services, operated not by this school, but by third parties. These include Google Apps for Education, IXL, BrainPop, Reading A-Z, and similar educational programs. A complete list of the programs with the privacy policy for each can be found on our school's website.

In order for our students to use these programs and services, certain personal identifying information -- generally the student's name and email address -- must be provided to the web site operator. ***It is important to note that students in grades K-8 can only email West Buffalo Charter School staff members from their school accounts and cannot receive email from ANY outside email addresses.*** There is no danger that any outside individuals or companies will be able to communicate with children in these grades. In many cases, access to these websites and resources is provided through a teacher account and is monitored by the teacher using the resource. Under special circumstances students may be allowed to send and receive emails from outside entities for school based activities, i.e. school pen pal programs, special courses. This will be on a limited basis and monitored by faculty.

Under federal law entitled the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. For more information on COPPA, please visit

<http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtml>. However, the law permits schools such as ours to consent to the collection of personal information on behalf of all of its students, thereby eliminating the need for individual parental consent given directly to the web site operator.

This form when completed below and on file with the school will constitute consent for our schools to provide personal identifying information for your child consisting of first name, last name, an email address and username to the following web-operators Google Apps for Education, IXL, BrainPop, Reading A-Z and to the operators of any additional web-based educational programs and services which our schools may add during the upcoming academic year.



[COPPA Compliance Form](#)



[List of Web Based Resources or websites used by WBCS teachers and students](#)